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MR. CLAY'S SPEECH

footed up, will be found to be more than half of the pecuniary cost of the War of our Independence—And this is the condition of the party whose arms have been everywhere and constantly victorious!

How did we unhappily get involved in this War! It was predicted as the consequence of the Amexation of Texas to the United States.—If we had not annexed Texas, we should have had no War. The people were told that if that event happened. War would ensue. They were told that the War between Texas and Mexico had not been terminated by a treaty of peace; that Mexico still claimed Texas as a revolted province; and that, if we received Texas into our Union, we took along with her the War existing between her and Mexico. And the Minister of Mexico formally announced to the Government at Washington, that his nation would consider the Annexation of Texas to the United States as producing a state of War. But all this was denied by the partisans of Annexation. They insisted we should have no War, and even imputed to those who foretold it sinister notives for their groundless prediction.

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